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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 6, 2022

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

The Mass of Anticipation of the 1st Sunday of Lent 4:00PM The Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

The First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Albert Catanio—Birthday Remembrance

9:00AM The Deceased Members of the Duffy Family-Mem

10:30AM Robert & Celia Landi—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, MARCH 7

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Lenten Weekday; St. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

7:30AM Mary Jo Duffy—Memorial

12:05PM Father Joseph D. Santos—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday; St. John of God, Religious

7:30AM Linda Bruno—Memorial

12:05PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday; St. Frances of Rome, Religious 7:30AM Evelyn & Fred Buoro—Memorial

12:05PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

12:05PM Fr. Edward J. McGovern—Memorial

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial 12:05PM Alfred Petteruti—1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Josephine Ricci—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00PM Donal O'Connell—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

The Second Sunday in Lent

7:30 AM The Deceased Members of the Romano Family

9:00AM Ann Perkins—Memorial 10:30AM Mary Gianardi—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy









Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We've all been watching with horror the violent invasion of Ukraine. World leaders have condemned the war waged by Russia on the sovereign nation of Ukraine. The suffering and killing of innocent men, women, and children we've witnessed is pure evil.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Maior Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk said that priests "will descend to the bomb shelters" of Kyiv to celebrate Masses. The residents of Ukraine's capital cannot attend Church due to curfew. government-mandated

The Archbishop has called for prayers for Peace, stating: "The Church is with its people! The Church of Christ brings the Eucharistic Savior to those who are experiencing critical moments in their lives, who need the strength and hope of the resurrection."

We must continue to pray and fast for Peace, especially in Ukraine. As Pope Francis said: "We should respond to the diabolic senselessness of violence with the weapons of God, prayer and fasting."

Let us pray: "God of infinite mercy and goodness, with grateful hearts we pray to you today for Peace. You offer us your Peace continually and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed.

We pray for the people of Ukraine who are experiencing violent conflict and death. Bless all leaders with wisdom, vision and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down walls of hostility and division. We pray our brothers

and sisters may never yield to discouragement and despair, but become heralds of new hope to one another in this challenging time.

May you continue to inspire us to unity, to work generously for the common good, to respect the dignity of every person and the fundamental rights which have their origin in the image and likeness of God impressed upon every human being.

Grant eternal rest to the dead and quick recovery to the wounded, we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen."

Lent began on Ash Wednesday as we took up the call to pray, fast, and give alms. St. Francis De Sales reminds us that "Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year." We can gather the spiritual fruits needed for our lives as disciples in various ways.

Certainly, attending Mass faithfully on Sundays and even daily, as well as frequent Confession, is the best way. In addition, we take up extra prayer practices like spiritual reading, spending more time praying in Church, and attending Stations of the Cross.

We must also fast from those pleasures and comforts we like and desire more than we should. Fasting makes room for our love of Christ to grow. St. Alphonsus Ligouri suggests: "Fasting is wonderful because it tramples our sins like a dirty weed, while it cultivates and raises truth like a flower."

Our almsgiving, the practice of giving to the poor, is also a fundamental part of Lent.

So please consider sacrificing for the poor and give to Operation Rice Bowl, OLM Outreach, and the Catholic Charity Appeal.

We can also assist those suffering deprivation from war and disaster, including the 500,000 refugees from Ukraine. Caritas Internationalis, a Catholic group of 160 aid organizations and Catholic Relief Services, provide aid in Ukraine.

And finally, one of the best ways to have a fruitful Lent is to make the Parish Mission this week. I welcome our Mission Preacher, Monsignor Kieran Harrington, to OLM in your name. He is a native of Brooklyn, NY, where he served as a pastor and held many other important roles for the Diocese.

Monsignor and I first met many years ago on the way to a Catholic School Conference at Notre Dame. We were seated next to one another on the plane. He is a good friend, a talented preacher, and a fine priest.

The Mission is a great way to enter more deeply into the Season of Lent. So join us on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 pm for the Mission Talks. Confessions with four priests begin at 6:00 pm before the Mission. Make the Lenten Mission and gather the spiritual fruits needed "to keep us going for the rest of the year."

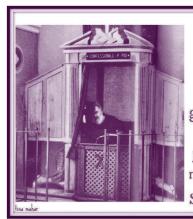
Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless! Pray, fast, and give alms! See you at the Mission!

Father Healey

Congratulations

OLM Parishioner Marc Marandola, a Senior at LaSalle Academy, has been awarded the St. Timothy Award from the Diocese of Providence. This award is the highest national youth ministry award a Catholic youth can receive for integrity, leadership and service. The Award Celebration and Mass is Sunday, March 13th at 1:00pm at the Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Tobin.

We offer our prayers and congratulations to Marc on this outstanding achievement.



Confession is the soul's bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again! St. Pio of Pietrelcina



Ceekly Collection

February 27, 2022

Weekly	\$11,430.00
EFT	<u>\$6,380.00</u>
	Total=\$17,810.00
Outreach	\$2,515.00
<u>February 28, 2021</u>	
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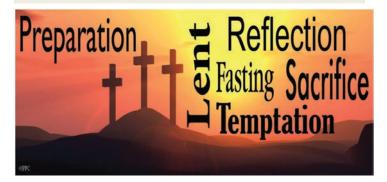
Second Collections

This Week:: Monthly Building & Grounds

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially Adelasia Lucci, Carol DiGianfilippo, and Vincent A. Maddalena, Jr.





RE Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 6:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Confirmation 2022

Sunday, March 13:

5:00PM Mass and Class:

1st Communion & 1st Grade

Sunday, March 20:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Sunday, March 27:

5:00PM Mass and Class: 8th Grade Confirmation

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class

Important Dates:

Saturday, April 2: First Penance at 1:00pm Saturday, April 9: First Penance at 1:00pm



- OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!
- •OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.
- •For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or email at outreach@olmparish.org



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Schedule of Events

- Monday, March 7: School Confessions at 12:45pm
- •Wednesday, March 9: Faculty Meeting at 2:45pm
- Friday, March 11: 8:15am School Stations of the Cross
- <u>Saturday, March 12</u>: Father-Daughter Dance at 6:00pm at the Crowne Plaza

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Monte Joseph Braun, and his parents, Timothy and Jenna.

Maria Rai Delle Donne, and her parents, Thomas and Nicole.

Grace Charlotte Overton,

and her parents, Brian and Christina.

"Dear brothers and sisters: these children have been reborn through Baptism, and are now called children of God, for so indeed they are. Through Confirmation they will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, they will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church." — The Rite of Baptism

Lenten Mission at **Our Lady of Mercy** March 5-9

"The Corona19 Virus Pandemic: Curse or Moment of Grace?"



The Reverend Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington WILL BE PREACHING AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON Confusion: "To Be a Christian and to Live in Sin is a Monstrous Contradiction. A Christian Must Be Holy." —St. John Vianney

> Monday, March 7, Mission Talk at 7:00pm Silence: "Why Speak at Length? Prayer is God, Who Works All Things in All Men."—Gregory of the Siani

Tuesday, March 8, Mission Talk at 7:00PM Resolution: "Love Reaches that Point of Perfection Wherein it Not Only Causes Us To Do Good But To Do it Earnestly, Frequently, and Readily." -St.Francis De Sales

March 9, Mission Talk with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00PM Life of Grace: "Grace responds to the deepest yearnings of human freedom, calls freedom to cooperate with it, and perfects freedom. Sanctifying grace is the gratuitous gift of his life that God makes to us; it is infused by the Holy Spirit into the soul toheal it of sin and to sanctify it." - Catechism of the Catholic Church

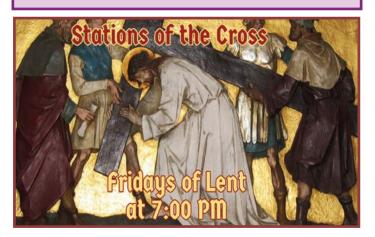
Mission Confessions at 6:00 pm Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 7-9, with four Confessors



Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington serves as the National Director of the Pontifical Missions Societies in the United States, having been appointed in April 2021 by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. The Pontifical Mission Societies includes the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Societies are under the Direction of Pope Francis and support missionary work, foster prayer and awareness, and combat poverty, disease, and injustice. Monsignor Harrington was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2005. In that role, he was varience of the Communications for the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2005. In that role, he was and public policy office, NET, the Diocese of Brooklyn cable TV station, and the sand public policy office NET, the Diocese of Brooklyn cable TV station, and the communications arm of the Diocese. Monsignor graduated with honors from St. John's University with a degree in philosophy and holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York and a Master of Business Administration from New York University's Stern School of Business. He is the recipient of the St. Thomas More Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild and the Father Mychal Judge Award from the Great Irish Fair in Brooklyn. He is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

OLM LENTEN TABLE

During Lent at table in the vestibule will be available with donated new and old religious articles. They are available to take without cost. Stop by and take something home for Lent.





Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts. Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.

Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-



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